

[HOUSE BILL.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 23, 1863.—Read first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Quartermaster and Commissary Departments. Jan 13, 1864.—Reported back, placed on the Calendar, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. GARLAND.]

A BILL

To be entitled An Act to suppress abuses in the Quartermaster and Commissary Departments of the army.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*
2 *enact*, That the President, by and with the advice and consent of
3 the Senate, shall appoint, for each military department, one *com-*
4 *petent* person, to be styled inspector of such department, who
5 shall be commissioned, and have the rank, pay and allowances of
6 colonel of cavalry; and two assistants, who shall also be com-
7 missioned, and have the rank, pay and allowances of captains of
8 cavalry, and be styled assistant inspectors of such department.
9 Such inspectors of department shall be allowed two clerks, and
10 such assistant inspectors shall be allowed one clerk each, which
11 clerks, for their services, shall be allowed the sum of
12 dollars per month, and rations, each.

1 SEC. 2. Each of said inspectors and assistant inspectors shall,
2 before entering upon the discharge of their duties, take and sub-

3 scribe the following oath: "I, _____, having
 4 been duly appointed and commissioned inspector (or assistant in-
 5 spector, as the case may be,) of (such) department of the army
 6 of the Confederate States of America, do solemnly swear that I
 7 will, in all things, according to my best ability and understand-
 8 ing, faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of my said
 9 office, as required by law, without fear, favor, affection or ill-
 10 will; so help me God." Which oath may be taken before any
 11 judicial officer having authority to administer oaths, and shall be
 12 endorsed upon his commission, and a duplicate thereof filed in
 13 the office of the Secretary of War.

1 SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of each inspector of department,
 2 with the aid and assistance of their assistants, from time to time,
 3 and at least as often as once in every fiscal quarter, carefully and
 4 thoroughly to examine and inspect the official affairs of every
 5 quartermaster and commissary within his department, as well
 6 those serving at posts and departments as those serving with
 7 any army, army corps, division, brigade, regiment, battalion or
 8 detachment of troops, in the field. In such inspections, said in-
 9 spectors and their assistants, shall ascertain the amount of
 10 money and property received by each such quartermaster and
 11 commissary, for or on the account of the Government, when,
 12 where, and from whom received; if money, the kind of funds re-
 13 ceived; if property found, not in the possession of any person,

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14 when, where, and under what circumstances found, and when
15 entered upon their rolls; amount of money expended, for what
16 expended, when expended, to whom paid, and the amount re-
17 maining on hand, carefully examining every voucher, and where
18 any doubt arises, requiring additional proof in relation thereto,
19 noting all defects and deficiencies. They shall, in person, care-
20 fully examine and inspect the property and all accounts of every
21 such quartermaster and commissary, noting the number, kind,
22 and character of property, and the condition thereof, and also
23 examine every invoice, receipt, roll, bill or other voucher, in re-
24 lation to such property, and if alleged by any such quartermas-
25 ter or commissary, to have been by him purchased, noting
26 the price of each article, when, where, and of whom purchased;
27 and as to property turned over by other officers, when, where,
28 and by whom turned over, comparing the articles with the in-
29 voices; and as to property found and taken up upon roll, com-
30 paring such property with such roll, in every such case noting
31 any deficit or discrepancy. And in case of any deficiency,
32 inquire into the manner in which such deficiency occurred,
33 examining the vouchers therefor. And where it shall be alleged
34 that such deficit has occurred by death, by being worn out,
35 captured by the enemy, abandoned, or expended, such inspectors
36 and their assistants shall have the right to demand, and in case
37 of doubt, shall demand evidence other than the statement or cer-

38 tificate of any such quartermaster or commissary. Such
39 inspectors and their assistants shall also carefully examine into
40 the accounts and vouchers of all such quartermasters and com-
41 missaries, and into their manner of transacting business, and
42 keeping accounts thereof, and if they, in all respects, conform
43 to the requirements of the army regulations and orders as to
44 their several departments, noting all variations from, and viola-
45 tions of, the same. They shall also inquire whether any such
46 quartermaster or commissary has, himself, or by or through any
47 clerk, sergeant, agent, partner, attachee, employee, or any other
48 person been engaged, either directly or indirectly, in any specu-
49 lation in any commodity or article of property whatsoever; and
50 whether any such quartermaster or commissary has bet any
51 money or property upon any game whatsoever. They shall also
52 ascertain the names of all persons in service with every such quar-
53 termaster and commissary, the nature of the service performed
54 by each, whether as clerk, sergeant, agent, messenger, courier,
55 wagon-master, forage-master, teamster, butcher, laborer or servant,
56 and the company and regiment to which each belongs, or if still a
57 citizen within the ages of conscription, and whether such per-
58 sons are, or are not, apparently able-bodied men fit for service in
59 the ranks. Such inspectors and their assistants shall also
60 ascertain, within their respective departments, the names and
61 locality of all men unfit from any cause for service in the ranks,

62 and who are fit, and willing to take service in either of the
63 departments of quartermaster or commissary, and their qualifi-
64 cations for such service. They shall also inquire into the manner
65 in which the supplies and issues are obtained, and made by such
66 quartermasters and commissary's; whether issues are made reg-
67 ularly, in sufficient quantities, and of proper quality, and if not,
68 the cause or causes therefor.

1 SEC. 4. Every quartermaster and commissary shall, upon the
2 demand of the inspector or either of the assistant inspectors of
3 the department within which he is serving, afford to such
4 inspector or assistant inspector every necessary facility, aid and
5 information, to enable them to make the inspections by this act
6 required; and shall exhibit to such inspector or assistant
7 inspector, all their public moneys, official books and papers of
8 every kind whatsoever; and upon refusal so to do, shall be
9 immediately reported to his commanding officer, who shall
10 without delay, place him in arrest, and cause him to be tried by
11 a court martial upon charge for disobedience of orders, and the
12 inspector shall proceed with his inspection, so far as he can,
13 without the assistance of such quartermaster or commissary.

1 SEC. 5. The assistant inspectors shall be subject to the orders
2 and directions of the inspector of the department within which
3 they serve, and the Secretary of War may, at such times as he
4 may deem advisable, cause such inspectors and assistant inspec-

5 tors to alternate, from one department to another, in performing
 6 the duties required of them by this act. Each inspector and
 7 assistant inspector, in case of such alternation, shall have the
 8 same powers and rights, and shall perform the same duties in the
 9 department to which he shall be thus sent, as in the department
 10 for which he may have been appointed.

1 SEC. 6 Each inspector of department shall make full and
 2 particular detailed reports of all inspections made by himself
 3 and his assistants, to the Secretary of War; which reports shall
 4 be in duplicate, one to be forwarded to the Secretary of War, and
 5 the other to be delivered to the commander of the department
 6 within which such inspection shall have been made.

1 SEC. 7. If it shall appear by any such report, of any inspector
 2 of department, that any quartermaster or commissary in such
 3 department has been guilty of any malfeasance in office, or shall
 4 have been in any way, directly or indirectly, engaged in any
 5 speculation in any commodity or property whatsoever, or shall
 6 be guilty of embezzling any property or money of the Govern-
 7 ment, or shall be a defaulter to the Government for any amount,
 8 or shall have bet any money or property upon any game, or shall
 9 have been interested in any such bet, or shall be for any cause
 10 incompetent for the discharge of his official duties, or shall be
 11 addicted to drunkenness; it shall be the duty of the commander
 12 of such department to cause any such quartermaster or commis-

13 sary to be immediately suspended from the performance of the
 14 duties of his office, placed in arrest, and tried by a court martial
 15 upon charges to be preferred by any such inspector, or assistant
 16 inspector, or any other commissioned officer; and if, upon trial,
 17 any such quartermaster or commissary shall be found guilty of
 18 any embezzlement of any money, or property of the Government,
 19 or found to be a defaulter to the Government, or of having been
 20 so engaged in any speculation, or to have bet money or property
 21 upon any game, or been interested in any such bet, he shall be
 22 cashiered; and if found to be incompetent to discharge the duties
 23 of his office, by reason of mental incapacity, ignorance, want of
 24 business qualifications, or intemperate habits, he shall be dis-
 25 missed from his office, and in all such cases of conviction they
 26 shall be immediately conscribed and placed in the ranks of the
 27 infantry, if within the ages of conscription, and physically able
 28 for duty in that arm of service; if not so able, they shall be put
 29 to such service, as a private, as they may be physically able to
 30 perform, and suit shall be instituted against their securities upon
 31 their official bonds for any default whatsoever, which may be
 32 within the condition of such bond.

1 Sec. 8. If it shall appear by any such report of inspection,
 2 that there are able-bodied men in the employ of any such
 3 quartermaster or commissary, and that there are in such depart-
 4 ment, disabled men, who are qualified, and willing to perform

5 the duties in said quartermaster and commissary departments,
6 the department commander shall cause such able-bodied men, if
7 belonging to companies, to be at once returned to their respect-
8 ive commands, when practicable, if not practicable, by reason
9 of the absence of such command from such department, or if
10 such able-bodied men do not belong to any command, and are
11 within the ages of conscription, such department commander
12 shall cause them to be placed in service with some company within
13 his department, and the places of all such able-bodied men shall
14 be supplied by such disabled men, or men not fit for service in
15 the ranks, as may be able and qualified for such service.

1 SEC. 9. The terms quartermaster and commissary, as used in
2 this act, shall be held to include officers of any rank, in these
3 several departments who are exercising the functions of each
4 office.

1 SEC. 10. It shall not be necessary for any of said inspectors,
2 or their assistants, to give to any quartermaster or commissary,
3 any notice of any such inspection, but such inspections may be
4 made at such time as may be most convenient in the course of
5 the performance of inspection duties, avoiding unnecessary
6 inconvenience, to any such quartermaster or commissary.

1 SEC. 11. If any such inspector, or assistant inspector, after
2 having entered upon the discharge of his duties as such, shall
3 wilfully fail, neglect, or refuse to make the inspections and

4 reports thereof, or any one of either, as required by this act, or
 5 shall through any fear, favor, or affection; or for any reward, or
 6 the promise or hope thereof, fail, neglect, or refuse to make true
 7 and faithful reports of acts of malfeasance, defaults, embezzle-
 8 ments, or other improper acts in office, by any such quartermas-
 -ter or commissary, whose affairs it shall become his duty to
 10 inspect, as provided by this act, or if any such inspector, or
 11 assistant inspector, shall, through any ill-will, prejudice, or for
 12 any other cause, wilfully make any false report as to any such
 13 matters, he shall, upon conviction thereof, by a court martial, be
 14 cashiered, or suffer such other punishment as may be adjudged
 15 by the court trying the case.

1 SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to cause
 2 the inspections, and the reports thereof, required by this act,
 3 to be promptly made, according to form, as he may prescribe.

AMENDMENT.

Amend the first section by adding at the end the following :

1 The chief inspectors, their assistant and clerks, to be appointed
 2 under this act, shall be appointed from disabled soldiers or officers
 3 or persons not liable to military service, if practicable to obtain
 4 them.

THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

1630	First settlement of the city of Boston	1
1634	First meeting of the General Court	2
1636	First meeting of the Court of Assistants	3
1638	First meeting of the Court of the Common Council	4
1640	First meeting of the Court of the Mayor and Aldermen	5
1642	First meeting of the Court of the Justices of the Peace	6
1644	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Land	7
1646	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Marine	8
1648	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Customs	9
1650	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Excise	10
1652	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Trade	11
1654	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Fisheries	12
1656	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Navigation	13
1658	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Commerce	14
1660	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Agriculture	15
1662	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Manufactures	16
1664	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Arts and Sciences	17
1666	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Education	18
1668	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Religion	19
1670	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Morals	20
1672	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Police	21
1674	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Health	22
1676	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Fire	23
1678	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Water	24
1680	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Streets	25
1682	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Parks	26
1684	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Gardens	27
1686	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Fountains	28
1688	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Bridges	29
1690	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Roads	30
1692	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Canals	31
1694	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Harbors	32
1696	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Ports	33
1698	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Shores	34
1700	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Islands	35
1702	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Rocks	36
1704	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Shoals	37
1706	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Banks	38
1708	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Bars	39
1710	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Straits	40
1712	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Sounds	41
1714	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Bays	42
1716	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Rivers	43
1718	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Lakes	44
1720	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Seas	45
1722	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Oceans	46
1724	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Atmosphere	47
1726	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Earth	48
1728	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Sky	49
1730	First meeting of the Court of the Commissioners of the Universe	50